

EMERGING ISSUES
Training from the Inside Out:
Assessing and Refining Our Programs

Summary of Presentation

In this final session, participants were encouraged to offer additional insight on emerging issues/needs that were not covered in other parts of the meeting. The following suggestions were raised for consideration:

- 1) Create a white paper to distribute to Capitol Hill. In addition, write a publishable article in an effort to raise visibility about the program.
- 2) Methamphetamine training and other specialized level courses were mentioned as an emerging issue. NIEHS should look at specialized level courses such as those offered by the California Specialized Training Institute and California Clandestine Drug Training.
- 3) In order to compete with emerging technologies, we need better foreign language translation programs for the less common languages in an effort to assist in developing training programs for these worker populations. If we are going to go global, we may see a greater need? to work with our counterparts. The barefoot research and the website, www.ilo.org, were mentioned as potential resources.
- 4) It was suggested that NIEHS repeat some workshops from the past that were successful, such as:
 - a) The National Health and Safety Conference with NIOSH.
 - b) Joint labor-management partnerships initiative, which should be held in Washington, DC, so that we can help decision makers see what awardees are doing.
- 5) The development of Bilingual Curriculum Materials.
- 6) Incorporate the wireless phenomena. As cities, towns, etc. go wireless, WETP should think about the potential of taking computers to the people and developing wireless training programs.
- 7) The issue of global training potential, given the fact that truckers coming in from neighboring countries come from countries with less stringent safety and training standards.
- 8) Inherent safety.